



## **BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Antonio B. Pomerleau Building  
1 North Avenue  
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Michael E. Schirling  
Chief of Police

Phone (802) 658-2704  
Fax (802) 865-7579  
TTY/TDD (802) 658-2700

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

<b>INCIDENT TYPE:</b>	<b>DATE/TIME REPORTED:</b>
Accident	4-20-14/0505 hours
<b>INCIDENT NUMBER:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>
14BU009718	402 North Ave.
<b>INVESTIGATOR:</b>	<b>INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:</b>
Ofc. Czyzewski	802-540-0327
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY:</b>
Sgt. Radford	Sgt. Radford

### **NARRATIVE:**

The Burlington Police responded to an accident on 4-20-14 at 0505 hours in the area of 402 North Ave. in which a vehicle collided with a fire hydrant and a telephone pole, causing significant damage to both. An investigation revealed that the vehicle, a 2001 Pontiac Sun fire, was southbound on North Avenue and crossed the northbound lane, went up onto the greenbelt, ran over a fire hydrant and then collided with the telephone pole. The airbags were deployed and the vehicle totaled. The Burlington Electric Department were called out to repair the seriously damaged pole, which caused a hazard to pedestrians walking on the sidewalk at this location.

The operator, identified as 48 year old Mary Hamby of Burlington, refused medical treatment. There were no indicators of impairment. The operator advised that she was on her way to work when she fell asleep. There are no criminal charges pending from this accident.

The Burlington Police Department would like to remind the general public of the dangers of driving while tired, which can cause a significant accident if the operator falls asleep while driving.

*Respect ~ Honor ~ Remember*

*Officer James P. McGrath, end of watch May 12, 1904; Officer J. Albert Fisher, end of watch December 15, 1947;  
Officer Robert W. Provost, end of watch January 13, 1954*